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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Study on "Science Organization and the President's Office" by Senator Jackson's Subcommittee on National Policy Machinery

1. This memorandum is for your information.
2. The subject study reviews and generally endorses the activities of the President's Science Advisory Committee and the Special Assistant. The study endorses the past activities of these advisers. The only objection seems to be that they could do even more than they are presently accomplishing both in coordinating Government scientific activities and in assisting the Bureau of the Budget.
3. The major change proposed was the creation of an Office of Science and Technology within the Executive Office of the President. Since I am not an expert on Government bureaucracy, I find it rather difficult to see what would be gained by this change in locale and the formalizing of the present arrangement in this fashion. In fact, I believe there might be some dangers to such formalization since it could in time decrease the flexibility of the present set up.
4. The study does recommend the creation of one or two more additional deputy science adviser posts to spread the load on the

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Science Adviser himself. It also recommends increasing the staff. Both of these recommendations, I think, are definitely in order since the Office is terribly overworked and spread thin for the wide range of problems they have to handle. It is possible that this increase in size of operations might be facilitated if a formal Office of Science and Technology were created.

5. It further recommends that this arrangement would permit the Science Adviser to testify before Congress. In some respects this would be a good feature but in others it could be quite dangerous in view of the necessary close relations which must exist between the President and his Science Assistant for Science and Technology. However, there is a very real need for improved understanding of scientific policy decisions on the part of Congress. This might be covered under the existing system by having the Special Assistant brief Congress in his role as Chairman of the Federal Council on Science and Technology.

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